

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE UNDER
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1794**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit	: 1794	Customer No. 035811
Examiner	: Michael B. Nelson	
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Inventors	: Shigeru Tanaka	Confirmation No.: 5793
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	: Jun-ichi Masuda	
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Title	: BLAXIALLY ORIENTED WHITE	
	: POLYPROPYLENE FILM FOR	
	: THERMAL TRANSFER RECORDING	
	: AND RECEIVING SHEET FOR THERMAL	
	: TRANSFER RECORDING THEREFROM	

Dated: January 26, 2010

RESPONSE

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to the Official Action dated November 27, 2009.

All of the claims stand rejected under 35 USC §103 over the hypothetical combination of Sadamitsu with Asakura. The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's detailed comments hypothetically applying the combination against the claims. The Applicants respectfully submit, however, that the Applicants' claimed subject matter is not disclosed, taught or suggested by that combination. Details are set forth below.

The rejection frankly acknowledges that Asakura does not disclose a core layer which "meets the instant limitations." The Applicants agree. Thus, the rejection turns to Sadamitsu to cure those deficiencies. The rejection thus concludes that it would have been obvious to modify